

# Communications

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## Workers of America

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LOCAL 7803  
(AFFILIATED WITH AFL-CIO)  


Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners

I am president of Communication Workers of America Local 7803 in Washington State, and I am writing to express our support for AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile. You might be surprised to note that organized labor is one of the loudest voices backing AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile. The reasons come down to the twin pillars of economics: justice and opportunity.

AT&T is the only national wireless carrier with a unionized workforce, providing about 42,000 employees with the benefits and protections of collective bargaining. For T-Mobile workers who want a voice in their workplace, this acquisition can provide a fresh start with management. Thousands of workers in the telecommunications industry will have the opportunity to collectively bargain and insist that good, quality jobs stay in our communities. And our communities will benefit from a faster roll-out of vital technology.

Particularly in rural areas hit hard by the recession, expanding ultra-fast broadband is potent economic development. AT&T and T-Mobile share compatible technologies that, when combined, will expand the network of high-speed broadband across Washington State and beyond. This means jobs for our members, and growth for businesses large and small.

We support the AT&T/T-Mobile merger and ask all those involved in the oversight process to balance their inquiries with adequate weight for broadband build out, economic opportunity and workers' rights.

Sincerely,